

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 30 people die in automobile crashes involving an alcohol-impaired motorist each day; and

*WHEREAS*; intoxicated driving or operating while intoxicated (OWI) – be it by alcohol, over-the-counter or prescription medications, illicit drugs, or other substances – is a public health threat to communities across our state and can have devastating, life-altering consequences; and

*WHEREAS*; alcohol and drug-related driving fatalities are preventable, and every Wisconsinite has a role to play in ensuring impaired motorists stay off the road; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to reducing the number of impaired driving-related fatalities in our state, to expanding services to help Wisconsinites with substance abuse disorders, and to ensuring educators, health departments, and public safety officials have the resources they need to keep our communities safe; and

*WHEREAS*; in fact, with the signing of 2019 Wisconsin Act 106 in February 2020, we strengthened our state's impaired driving laws by increasing the minimum sentence that a sentencing court is required to impose for a person convicted of a fifth or sixth OWI offense; and

*WHEREAS*; Impaired Driving Prevention Month presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to make responsible driving decisions, to empower the healthy choices of our neighbors, and to encourage our family and friends to do their part to keep our roads safe this holiday season;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim December 2020 as

## IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State